

14 September 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:✓

SUBJECT: Telephone Request from the Assessor's Office of the District of Columbia, for Payroll Information Relative to NSC and CIA

1. Under dated 13 September 1955, a Mr. Pollino of the Assessor's Office of the District of Columbia, called Chief of the Vouchered Payroll Branch and requested a list of personnel working for the National Security Council and living in the District of Columbia together with the gross salary of each person. Mr. Pollino based his request on the provisions of the Bureau of the Budget Circular No. A-38, issued 23 December 1954, which states that such information shall be furnished to the District of Columbia. He also requested the same information from CIA. Mr. [] Chief of the Payroll Branch, stated that such information could be furnished for the National Security Council but that such information on CIA personnel was considered a classified matter and that he would have someone else in the Agency contact him on the subject.

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2. Under date of 14 September 1955, the undersigned called Mr. Pollino, who stated that the matter should be taken up with a Mr. Dunham. It was suggested to Mr. Dunham that a letter be prepared addressed to Mr. James S. Lay, Executive Secretary to the National Security Council, requesting the information desired and stating the authority for making such a request. This he agreed to do. Mr. Dunham then raised the question of CIA furnishing the same information. He was advised that this information was considered as classified and that the Agency would take the position that it was exempt from furnishing such information by statute. He then wanted to know how he could get the matter officially before the Agency. He was advised that if he wanted an official answer, the best way to obtain it would be by making an official request. He stated that a letter would be prepared and signed by Mr. Martin, who is head of the office.

3. Colonel White was advised of the above discussion as was also Mr. Houston, General Counsel. At the suggestion of Colonel White, Mr. Houston agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Spencer, Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

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